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INFO REQUESTED REFTEL IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. PAR. 3. ENERGY. (DSTI/IND/AL/75.15)

U.S. PRIMARY ALUMINUM PRODUCTION BY ELECTRICITY SOURCES

ESTIMATED IN 1980 (TABLE 2) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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COAL.....1946

OIL..... 243
NATURAL GAS..... 730
NUCLEAR POWER..... 195
OTHER..... 0
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2. FOOTNOTE (4) TO TABLE 2 SHOULD BE DELETED. DATA ABOVE
IS BASED ON ESTIMATES OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE
ALUMINUM ASSOCIATION.

3. PAR. 5. RECYCLING. (DSTI/IND/AL/75.6)

A. THERE ARE NO ACCEPTED DEFINITIONS FOR WASTE. WASTE
AND SCRAP ARE SYNONYMOUS TO MANY PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY.
HOWEVER, IN THE U.S. THE TERM SCRAP HAS GENERALLY BEEN
USED IN REFERENCE TO THE COMMERCIAL RECLAMATION, RECOVERY
AND RECYCLING OF ALUMINUM.

B. ALL REFERENCES IN THE REPORT DEALING WITH RECYCLING
OF BEVERAGE CANS PERTAIN ONLY TO ALL ALUMINUM CANS. NO
PROCESS AS YET HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO RECLAIM ALUMINUM
LIDS FROM STEEL CANS.

C. THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC U.S. DATA ON COMPARATIVE
ENERGY-USE FIGURES. HOWEVER, IT IS THE OPINION THAT
THE AUSTRALIAN FIGURES ARE EXTREMELY HIGH. IN A
PRELIMINARY STUDY BY THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE INSTITUTE
IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE COMPARATIVE COST BETWEEN
ALUMINUM AND STEEL AND GLASS WOULD BE MINIMAL, AS FAR
AS THE U.S. IS CONCERNED.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST THAT PARAGRAPH 65 BE DELETED
OR THAT THE REMARKS BE QUALIFIED TO INDICATE THAT THEY
RELATE ONLY TO THE SITUATION IN AUSTRALIA. KISSINGER

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